

CHES PROJECT TOPEKA

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The Center for Health and Environment Statistics (CHES) conducted two Project Topeka fund-raising efforts in February. Thanks to KDHE staff and other Curtis Building employees, a February 20 Baked Potato Bar raised \$539.71.



Donna Calabrese adds coins while Jan Stevens and Robin Wolfe watch the CHES bottles fill.

A second CHES-only “loose change” fundraiser ran from February 12-27. CHES staff was divided into two groups. The Office of Health Care Information plus the Office of Vital Statistics (OVS) Processing Unit was one team. The second team was the rest of OVS. Each team had a container. Adding pennies to your team’s container made points. Silver coins in a team’s container subtracted points. At the end, the highest value of points determined the winner.

The teams conducted a spirited competition with pep rallies and strategy meetings. The first containers were large juice jugs. When filled, the teams replaced the jugs with five-gallon water containers. During the first week the two water jugs filled to roughly one-third full capacity.

In the last week of the contest both teams accumulated and hoarded coins. During the last half hour of the contest, each team lined up to add cans and baggies of coins. On March 2, a local bank determined the winner after staff delivered two plastic water jugs nearly full of coins. While the team from the Office of Health Care Information and the Processing Unit of the Office of Vital Statistics had the highest number of points, the big winner was Project Topeka. The contest raised \$914.30.



The Office of Health Care Information and the processing unit from the Office of Vital Statistics out-pointed its competitor.

The two CHES February fundraisers raised \$1,454.01. Combined with prior fundraising proceeds Project Topeka will benefit from a total CHES donation of about \$2,000.